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that amendment. I have a note. Right. Thank you.
Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Schrock,
AM0611. (Legislative Journal page 698.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Schrock,
to open on his amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the
Legislature, AM0611 is LB 144, which was heard in the Natural
Resources Committee and amended and advanced, 8 to 0, to the
floor of the Legislature. Because the Department of
Environmental Quality believes it is one of their more important
pieces of legislation, the committee moved to not only advance
it, but also to place it as an amendment to LB 143, which
concerns the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act. AM0611
deals with how we handle scrap tires. It repeals the permanent
program for scrap tire haulers, collectors, collection sites,
and processors. These changes were sought for the following
reasons. Assuring the proper management of scrap tires can be
effectively and efficiently conducted without the use of the
existing permit program. Defining in statute allowable storage
requirements in the use of scrap tires will enable the
department to regulate scrap tires as it would most other solid
waste. Some of the resources previously allocated to administer
this permit program could then be directed to other highly
priority environmental programs. It does establish allowable
uses and use criteria for scrap tires in statute and, by
regulation, would remove the need for the department to perform
beneficial use determination. It extends the time period for
grants to June 30, 2007. And those grants are monies derived
from the \$1 per tire fee that you pay when you buy a new tire.
Some of the highlights: It allows any person to store 500
passenger tire equivalents of waste tires for up to one year
without a solid waste permit. Tires are not considered disposed
if they are processed into crumb form and reused or recycled in
a manufactured product. And it does prohibit the disposal of
waste tires in our landfills, except for the nonrecyclable
tires, and those are the ones that are very difficult to
recycle. A good example of that is, on a forklift, you have a
solid rubber tire that is pressed onto a metal rim. That type
of a tire is difficult to separate and process. So there are a